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(Amended) Materials according to claim 1, in which the sulphur-containing group is selected from thiol groups and their derivatives or from acid sulphonic groups and their derivatives.

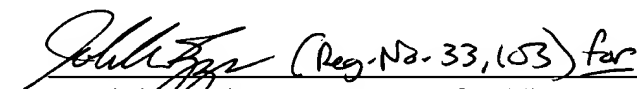
16. (Amended) Materials according to claim 14, in which the sulphur-containing group is selected from thiol groups and their derivatives or from acid sulphonic groups and their derivatives.

REMARKS

The purpose of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is to remove the term "organic" in claims 1, 15 and 16 inasmuch as Applicants, upon further consideration, believe that this term might bring confusion to the reader of the claim. In any case, the claim is not narrowed, thereby avoiding file history estoppel as set forth in the "Festo" decision.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**".

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